

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the amendments to the above-referenced application, presented herein, be entered prior to examination.

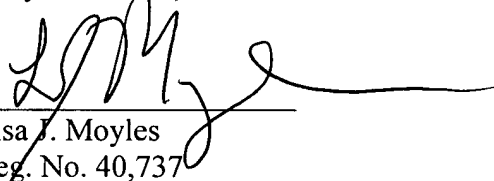
Claims 22, 23, 25-27 and 29-43 remain pending in the application following entry of this amendment. Claims 1-21, 24 and 28 have been cancelled herein, claims 22, 23, 25 and 26 have been amended herein, and claims 29-43 have been added herein. It is respectfully submitted that support for new claims 29-43 can be found throughout the specification and that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Should the examiner believe that a telephone interview may facilitate resolution of any outstanding issues, the examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the applicant's attorney at the number indicated below.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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